

## **FIRST ANNUAL DOWNTOWN BOWL**

The Downtown Bowl is a proposed one day basketball tournament that includes children and adults to participate in round robin basketball games. There is no age limit and no gender restrictions. As stated it will be a round robin format between teams whether they come as a group team or they can be chosen or "picked-up" to assemble a team. There will be volunteer coaches, referees and score keepers. Teams with the most wins eventually wins tournament. The purpose of tournament is to provide a day of activity among residents formerly and currently living in the downtown area including Mt. Auburn, Pendleton, West End and OTR. This is as much a social event as it is a recreational event. Donated food and drinks will be available. Prizes and T-shirts will also be presented to participants. Vendors are openly invited as well as businesses and prospective job-seekers and employers. Absolutely no funds or assistance will be solicited from the city or the community council. This is a total community event with no restrictions based on regulated use of funds. Any donations or funds raised is solely for the purpose of getting memberships to active residents who wish to get memberships to CRC facilities including Recreation centers, Boxing gyms and also the Pool at Zeigler Park where some can't afford membership. I am presenting this to OTRCC members not as a call of charity but a call of support. We have to find activities for those who not only live in our community but those frequent it. I am a proud resident who has seen the highs and lows of our neighborhoods over the last 10 years. I am also ashamed of negative comments views and especially negative activity that smears our reputation of being a vibrant neighborhood. I know personally that it takes more than police efforts, more than government agencies, and more than non-profit charitable organizations to thwart unnecessary crime and violence. IT takes activity, recreational and social, economical and political to keep people engaged and this is what is needed at the present time. We are only seeking the moral support of this and other neighborhood community councils in hoping we can jumpstart a positive start to the school year the holidays and the summers yet to come. Feel free to call Walter at 937-266-0000 to get more information. The date is slotted for Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> and the time is 8am until.